



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-104B)

PATENT

In the Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/074,754) Before the Examiner:
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 Gyan Chandra
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Filed: February 13, 2002) Group Art Unit: 1646
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For: Methods & Reagents for)
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 Discovering and Using)
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 Mammalian Melanocortin)
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 Receptor Antagonists to)
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 Treat Cachexia)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed in the above-identified application on December 29, 2005. The response will therefore be due on May 29, 2006.

Applicants are entitled to Small Entity Status. By the signature of their undersigned attorney, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee of \$225.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1).

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at 312-913-3344.

Respectfully submitted,

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